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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,10-15 and 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4,6-9,16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Girmay (US 5,414,280).

Regarding claims 1, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 18,

Figure 5 illustrates a laser control circuit [applicant's controller] having a laser diode (10) [applicant's laser diode] and a current generator (11) [applicant's drive current]. Column 1 lines 35-36 discloses the circuit driving a voltage source [applicant's supply voltage]. Column 2 lines 48-49, discloses sampling [applicant's monitoring] the voltage across the laser diode [applicant's voltage drop]. Column 1 lines 35-42, discloses driving the laser in accordance with the monitored output power and the voltage drop across the laser diode.

Regarding claims 2, 19

Figure 5 illustrates a filter (25) in the feedback path.

Regarding claim 3,

Column 2 lines 48-49, discloses sampling the voltage across the laser diode [applicant's voltage drop].

Regarding claim 5,

Column 1 lines 56-59, disclose using the voltage drop across the diode as a measure of output power and in column 2 lines 15-20, disclose setting the power to a predetermined level and monitoring the output power for controlling the voltage.

Regarding claims 13, 14, 20, 21 and 22,

Column 1 lines 35-36 and column 2 lines 15-21, disclose a control circuit for driving a voltage source for the laser diode, which will inherently have a headroom voltage.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 6-9, 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is 571-272-1952. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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